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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR

KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

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1. FOLLOWING IS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING OF OCTOBER 30.

2. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: ISRAELI PM MEIR IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON OCT 31 FOR TALKS WITH PRES NIXON NOV 1. MEANWHILE, EGYPTIAN PRES SADAT'S SPECIAL ENVOY, ISMAIL FAHMI, HELD TALKS WITH SEC KISSINGER OCTOBER 30, AND IS SCHEDULED TO MEET PRES NIXON ON OCT 31. MOSCOW ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL IN CAIRO OCT 30 OF SOVIET DEP FORMIN KUZNETSOV.

3. POWS: PRESS REPORTS INDICATE AGREEMENT REACHED BY EGYPT AND ISRAEL WHEREBY EGYPT WILL SUBMIT LIST ISRAELI POWS TO RED CROSS WITHIN THREE DAYS (INITIAL LIST OF 60 POWS HELD BY EGYPT TO BE SUBMITTED OCT 30); EGYPT TO ALLOW RED CROSS TO VISIT ISRAELI PRISONERS WITHOUT DELAY; AND EXCHANGE OF WOUNDED PRISONERS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DAYAN HAS SAID WOUNDED PRISONER EXCHANGE IN FACT HAS BEGUN. ISRAEL SAYS IT CURRENTLY HOLDS 7,177 POWS; OF WHOM 6,800 ARE EGYPTIANS.

4. MILITARY SITUATION: CEASE-FIRE CONTINUES TO HOLD WITH FEW INCIDENTS ON BOTH FRONTS. WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS OF ISRAELI ARTILLERY FIRE NEAR SUEZ CITY AND ISRAELIS CLAIM KATYVSHA ROCKET ATTACK NEAR SAFAD. MEANWHILE, TWENTY MORE TRUCKS OF SUPPLIES FOR SURROUNDED EGYPTIAN 3RD ARMY HAVE PASSED THROUGH ISRAELI LINES UNDER UN AUSPICES. KISSINGER

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